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SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR MEETS WITH VAN DER LOUW

1. I HAD A FIRST-TIME MEETING OVER LUNCH WITH ROTTERDAM  
MAYOR ANDRE VAN DER LOUW AT HOME OF CONGEN SULSER. VAN DER  
LOUW, WHO HAS BEEN MAYOR SINCE 1974, IS A FORMER LABOR  
PARTY CHAIRMAN AND CURRENTLY AMONG THE RUMORED POSSIBLE  
SUCCESSORS TO DEN UYL.

2. HE SPOKE FAVORABLY OF HIS MONTH (JULY) IN US UNDER  
INTERNATIONAL VISITOR PROGRAM BUT SUGGESTED THAT SOME  
APPOINTMENTS, PARTICULARLY WITH POLITICIANS AND OFFICE-  
HOLDERS, BE MADE BEFORE VISITOR'S ARRIVAL ON THE BASIS OF  
REQUESTS SUBMITTED THROUGH EMBASSY. (COMMENT: THIS SOUNDS  
LIKE A GENTLE COMPLAINT, BUT I AM NOT CLEAR ON WHAT IT IS  
BASED.)

3. LIKE DEN UYL (THE HAGUE 4851), HE THINKS THE VAN AGT  
GOVERNMENT WILL LAST AT LEAST SEVERAL YEARS. BOTH VAN AGT  
AND HIS DEPUTY PREMIER WEIGEL "ARE THE KIND OF POLITICIANS  
WHO WON'T MAKE MANY WAVES." BESIDES, HE ADDED, THE LABOR  
PARTY MUST FIND NEW PROGRAMS; UNTIL IT DOES, OPPOSITION  
TO THE PRESENT GOVERNMENT IS "DIFFICULT." HE DID NOT THINK  
THE VAN AGT GOVT WOULD "GO BACKWARDS" ON SOCIAL PROGRAMS.  
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THIS PARTLY BECAUSE THE PRIME MINISTER IS AWARE THAT THERE  
IS MORE SENTIMENT AND SUPPORT IN THE COUNTRY FOR THE LABOR  
PARTY THAN ANY OF THE OTHERS. THERE IS NO TAXPAYERS REVOLT  
HERE, HE SAID, ALTHOUGH THERE IS SUBSTANTIAL RESENTMENT ON  
THE PART OF PEOPLE WHO WORK TOWARD THE LARGE NUMBER OF PEOPLE  
WHO DO NOT WORK. HE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THIS COUNTRY MAY BE  
AT THE LIMIT OF WHAT IT CAN SPEND FOR SOCIAL PROGRAMS (57

PERCENT OF GNP). HE ALSO SPOKE OF THE NEED FOR AN INCOMES POLICY, ADDING HALF APOLOGETICALLY THAT WHILE HIS POLITICS AND "HEART" SHOULD PUT HIM ON THE SIDE OF A TRADE UNION-CONTROLLED INCOMES POLICY, HE NEVERTHELESS BELIEVES THAT SUCH A POLICY SHOULD BE CONTROLLED BY THE GOVERNMENT.

4. WITHIN THE NEXT MONTH, HE WILL BE ON TWO TRADE MISSIONS: THE FIRST TO BUDAPEST WHICH HE POINTED OUT WILL BE HALF-WAY BETWEEN THE NORTH AND BLACK SEAS WATERWAY WHICH IS IN THE WORKS. THEN HE IS GOING TO JAPAN.

5. IN NOVEMBER, HE WOULD LIKE TO ARRANGE FOR ME TO MEET WITH HIS CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS AND TO SEE VARIOUS URBAN AND COMMERCIAL PROGRAMS IN ROTTERDAM. I TOLD HIM I WOULD BE DELIGHTED.

JOSEPH

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